

News Release

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1 P.M., UPDATE: Flash Flood Warning cancelled on Kaua'i; Kūhiō Highway near Hanalei Bridge remains closed

The Flash Flood Warning for Kaua'i has been cancelled, according to the National Weather Service. However, Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge remains closed until further notice due to flooding.

Motorists are advised that Kūhiō Highway could remain closed for an extended period of time due to a significant amount of water that currently remains on the road. Officials will continue to monitor the water level and will reopen the highway as soon as it is safe for travel.

All other major roads have reopened. However, crews continue to address various areas of fallen debris and utility lines.

Motorists are advised to drive with caution, and to report any new road closures to Police Dispatch at 241-1711. For updates on current road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

Ocean Safety officials continue to advise no swimming islandwide due to a brown water advisory. Beachgoers are urged to heed all posted warnings and advisories. For up-to-date information about Kaua'i ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, visit www.hawaiibeachsafety.com, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hfo.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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